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Alexandria, VA 22313

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Dear Sir:

I. Introduction

Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to withdraw the Notice of Abandonment and allow the application to be issued as the Issue Fee was timely paid. Further Applicants petition the Commissioner for a patent term extension, in light of the serious delays encountered during prosecution of this case that were not at the fault of the Applicants or their attorneys. Please charge any required fees and credit any credits to deposit account 02-2334.

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